



MAHNCKE PARK

Neighborhood
Association

Established 1979

P.O. BOX 6544

DECEMBER 2022

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

No meeting this month.

Join us at the Holiday Party, December 10.

Details below.

HOLIDAY PARTY: DECEMBER 10

The Mahncke Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner will be Saturday, December 10, beginning at 6pm. This year's party will be at The Cottage Pub, 3810 Broadway, NE corner of Broadway & Pershing Avenue (former site of Picante Grill).

This is a potluck dinner party but feel free to purchase food from our hosts, The Cottage Pub. Kids are welcome but must depart by 9pm.

Thanks very much to neighbors Phil & Gina & The Cottage Pub for sponsoring this year's MPNA Holiday Party.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED FOR 2023

The following persons were elected at last month's general meeting on November 22 to serve on the MPNA Board of Directors for 2023:

Steve Amberg Allensworth Street,
Chris Castillo, Queen Anne Court,
Susan Geery, Natalen Street,
Josh Godwin, Allensworth Street,
Liz Kish, Natalen Street,
Camis Milam, Davis Court, and
Ruth Rodriguez, Thorman Place.

Our thanks go to outgoing 2022 MPNA Board members Valerie Jeannin, Kahlyne Fletcher, and Isabel Garcia. Thanks also to Nominating Committee members Valerie Jeannin, Taylor Watson, Bruce Martin, and George Grimes for their efforts.

NEIGHBORHOOD WILDLIFE REPORT

Observant neighbors report pre-dawn sightings of gray foxes last month in the area of the SA Botanical Garden. Uncertain is the impact of the nightly light display and amplified holiday music at the Garden.

A single wild turkey (female) was seen during daylight hours pecking along the northside of the 400 block of Pershing Avenue in November. Could this be the offspring of Tuleta, the so-named female wild turkey who roamed the neighborhood some years ago? Let's hope so.

Residents are reminded that a source of clean, fresh water may attract birds, mammals, reptiles, and other rascals.

WILDFLOWER SEED PLANTING IN MAHNCKE PARK

Sunday, December 11 at 12 noon, Mahncke Park residents are invited to sow wildflower seeds in the park. Meet on Milton Street between Parland Place and Funston Place, and bring a rake, shovel, or hoe to soften the soil prior to spreading seeds.

This neighborhood tradition began over 25 years ago and serves two purposes; first, the re-establishment of native wildflowers within the park, and second, a living memorial to deceased neighbors and family members. Bring your kiddos as we connect to nature and recall the memory of those no longer living but with us still.

ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOLITION

Observant neighbors noticed last month's demolition of the small, concrete block structure at 200 Old Austin Road. In recent years, the 1-story, flat-roofed structure at the NW corner of Old Austin Road and Eleanor Avenue appeared vacant and was several times tagged with graffiti. Longtime residents recall the property serving as a coin-operated laundry. The orientation of the building was angled to address the corner, facing Ft. Sam Houston. Perhaps the site was a service station in its early days.

Bexar County records indicate the property is zoned for commercial use and is owned by a local, property investment entity.

YOUR TAX \$\$\$ AT WORK, PART 2,104,137,302

In December, collection of trash on Wednesdays and of organics and recycling on Mondays will NOT be impacted by city holidays. No schedule change in Dec.

On Monday, January 16, no collection will occur due to Martin Luther King Holiday. Instead, organics and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, January 17.

On Wednesday, January 18, no collection will occur in our neighborhood. Instead, trash will be picked up Thursday, January 19.

SWANKY MAHNCKE

Promsing signs suggest Swanky Mahncke will return January 7, 2023. Swanky Mahncke is the stuff of neighborhood legend – this neighborhood gathering will be Roaring 20's themed with dress up most highly encouraged. Watch Mahncke Pk Facebook for details. Save the date: Saturday, January 7

FIREWORKS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

S.A. Country Club reports there are no plans for New Year's Eve fireworks show. Neighbors are reminded fireworks inside city limits are prohibited unless approved with a permit by S.A. Fire Dept.

VERTEBRAE IN THE BACKBONE OF MAHNCKE PARK

The unsung champions of Mahncke Park are our Block Captains. Every month, in heat or cold, rain or snow (Remember Snovid?), these dedicated volunteers faithfully deliver over 700 copies of our newsletter. Some of them have been doing it for years, and some for decades! And we are confident Francille Radmann, Joyce Felter, Isabel Zsohar, David Frost, Julie Cammack, and Tim Duda have each been delivering newsletters for 30 years. Most impressive dedication.

One of the factors holding our neighborhood together is this newsletter. It keeps getting us together at monthly meetings, at picnics, at numerous events in our park so that we have a chance to get to know more than just our immediate neighbors. And it keeps us informed of city events and their direct effect on us. Residents often say much they appreciate the newsletter’s very local news – and that they read the newsletter every month despite so much else vying for their attention.

To all Mahncke Park’s Block Captains, each of whom is one of the vertebrae in the backbone of the neighborhood, we sincerely say **THANK YOU!!!**

Perry Court, Wendy and Derek Elliott
Davis Court, Henrietta Dominguez
Groveland Place, Isabel Zsohar
Hildebrand Avenue, Julie Cammack
Allensworth Street, Matthew Shaddock
Thorman Place, Caroline Rickels
Carnahan Avenue, Enzo Garza
Pershing Avenue, Dana Spottswood
Pershing Avenue, Marcia Harmon
Pershing Avenue, Nicole Hirschfeld
Area Captain Polly Noel

Elmhurst Place Apartments, Francille Radmann
Queen Anne Court, Mary Evans,
Queen Anne Court, Tim Duda,
Queen Anne Court, Emily Baker
Elmhurst Avenue, David Frost
Elmhurst Avenue, Emilio Saenz
Elmhurst Avenue, Laura Gray
Parland Place, Ric Minks
Parland Place, Joyce Felter
Area Captain Francille Radmann

Funston Place, Jessie Cox
Claremont Avenue, Alcee Jumonville
Claremont Avenue, Tannie Low
Natalen Street, Joan Whiteley
Eleanor Avenue, Valerie Jeannin
Ira Ave. & Wesley Place, Sandy Burge
Area Captain Jocelyn Ponce

MPNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Valerie Jeannin, Eleanor Avenue, President
Ruth Rodriguez, Thorman Place, Vice President
Josh Godwin, Allensworth Street, Treasurer
Liz Kish, Natalen Street, Secretary
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LOOKING BACK AT 2022

MPNA President Valerie Jeannin writes:

This past year in Mahncke Park was full of neighbors returning to normal. Neighbors and MPNA board members resurrected traditions like the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade, San Antonio Neighbors Together (formerly National Night Out), Halloween Waddlers & Toddlers, Friendsgiving, and the Holiday Party. Board Secretary Liz Kish started a new tradition with the "Cinco de Mahncke" Party at Clover Lawn Park complete with a food truck. Neighbors and city officials educated us at general meetings on subjects ranging from Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones to Native Grasses in Mahncke Park to our Neighborhood History. Our board and SABOT committee worked with neighbors, multiple city departments, and the San Antonio Botanical Garden to address issues that arise from a flourishing tourist attraction and event space being situated in the middle of our neighborhood. Even though I reluctantly answered the call from the 2022 Board to serve as President I was delighted to find support and encouragement throughout my novel experience. I witnessed neighbors coming together for activism, socializing, and neighborly care.

I am thankful to the members of the 2022 Board of Directors, and neighbors George Grimes, Taylor Watson, Bruce Martin, Naz Caporale, & Chris Aufdenberg for their support, initiative, patience, and responsiveness this year.

ART ON BROADWAY – FINE ART SHOW & SALE

Art on Broadway is an outdoor gathering of local and regional artists for the display and sale of their handmade, unique art.

Saturday, December 10
10am – 4pm
Lion’s Field Adult Center, 2809 Broadway

SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAPD Officer Juan Hernandez patrols our neighborhood. Officer Juan Hernandez’ duty hours are M-F, 7am-3pm. Contact him regarding concerns of illegal activity or to request a “patrol by” of your property while out of town.

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2023 MAHNCKE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION	
Membership is open to homeowners, renters, property owners, businesses or anyone having an interest in our area. Dues are \$10 per household & \$5 for retired neighbors per year. Non-resident dues are \$20 to help cover postage costs.	
Name	
Address	
City, State, zip code	
Email address	
Phone	
Type membership	Regular ____, Retired ____, Nonresident ____
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